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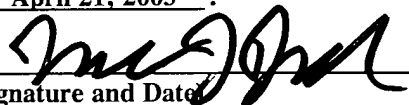
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Sir:

Attached hereto is a copies of a Japanese Official Action dated January 7, 2003 and April 8, 2003 along with Form PTO-1449. Our Japanese associates received Office Actions for the corresponding Japanese Patent Application (Application No. 2001-031895). The following prior art document was cited in the 2nd Japanese Office Action.

- (1) Pages 7, 20 and 41 of “1997 opening game version of powerful professional baseball game in the real situation, official perfect guidance book”, Konami Corporation, newly revised on April 1, 1998.

Although a game soft “powerful professional baseball” was cited in the 1st Office Action, it is not enclosed. This is because the game soft was just cited and referred to as a general prior art. The Japanese Examiner also did not specify the version of the game soft.


The 1st Office Action and the 2nd Office action, each copy of which is enclosed together with an English translation, were issued on January 7, 2003 and April 8, 2003, respectively.

The Japanese reference is in a foreign language. However, a concise explanation is not required because this non-English citation was cited in a search report by a foreign patent office. In such a situation, the requirement for a concise explanation of relevance is satisfied by submitting an English language version of the search report. Such English language version of the search report is enclosed herewith. (See MPEP, Section 609A(3), pages 600-100 and 600-101, Rev. 1, Feb. 2000). Accordingly, a concise explanation relating to this non-English citation is not required.

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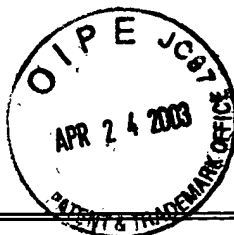
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